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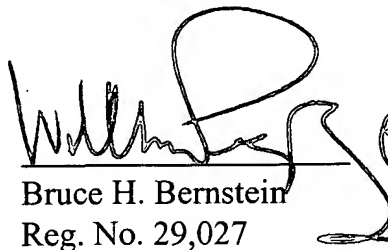
With a configuration using a piezoelectric transformer 110 according to the present invention, however, Voc is applied to one end terminal of the CCFL 126 and Vod is applied to the other terminal as shown in Fig. 6D. Note that the waveforms of Voc and Vod are equal amplitude but the phase differs 180°. The potential Vo required to continue operating the CCFL 126 having two series connected lamps 126a and 126b can thus be assured.---

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application to render the references to the various drawings more consistent with the drawings and to thus render the examination of the application more efficient.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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